

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 686 – SB 711

February 15, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) to request the district public guardian serve as conservator for disabled persons younger than 60 years of age, if the request is made through a court and the court finds that there are no family members or other person, bank or corporation willing and able to serve as conservator and there are no other less intrusive alternatives available for the disabled person.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 34-7-102(a), the public conservatorship program aids disabled persons who are 60 years of age or older and have no family member or friend who is willing and able to serve as conservator.
- The proposed legislation authorizes the Executive Director of TCAD to accept an individual younger than 60 into the public guardianship program in certain instances.
- Based on information provided by the TCAD, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the number of individuals entering the program as individuals younger than 60 will only be accepted based on available resources in the program; therefore, any fiscal impact to TCAD is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in court expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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